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EXCERPTS OF REMARKS BY
VICE PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH
DEDICATION OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR THE
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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It's a pleasure to be here this morning. It always gives me a great deal of pleasure to come out here. I have so many good memories of my days as DCI... so many friends in the agency... or who are by now alumni of the Agency. And I have such respect for surely one of the greatest DCIs of all, your current director, Bill Casey.

And something else. I have so much respect for the work that all of you are doing for our country... respect from my first hand experience here a decade ago... and respect because I see so much of your product or hear about it every day. And in so much of what you do, you produce some of the best work being done in the government today. You set the standard. You lead the way.

And so, as I say, it's a pleasure to come here.

Today is 26 years, almost to the day, since President Eisenhower laid the cornerstone for the main building.

It's been a turbulent quarter century for the Agency, as well as for the country. Challenges have arisen both abroad and at home. For a while the CIA -- together with others in national service whose jobs are to protect our liberties -- came under greater and more critical scrutiny than even our adversaries.

A principle objection of mine was that a lot of hill staffers came arrogantly charging out here showing no concern for classified material determined that they were ferreting out wrong-doing. And in the process what they did do was insult the patriotism and dedication of the entire intelligence community. It was insulting and uncalled for.

Another change in the last quarter century has been the expanding scope of the intelligence challenges you must address. Terrorism, theft of technology, narcotics trafficking, Third World debt, nuclear and chemical weapons proliferation... these are just some of the issues that weren't even on the radar screen, or were just faintly there, in the late '50s.

These new challenges require new kinds of analysis, and new and more searching application of both old and new disciplines. And, as I said, I've been impressed again and again that you are meeting these challenges and meeting them superbly.

So much has changed since the first cornerstone was laid. But there's much reason for satisfaction and for confidence in the future. For me that confidence comes most of all because one thing hasn't changed... and that's the truth of the words President Eisenhower spoke when he stood not far from here all those years ago.

He said: [In the world of intelligence] "Success cannot be advertised: failure cannot be explained. In the work of intelligence, heroes are undecorated and unsung, often even among their own fraternity. Their inspiration is rooted in patriotism -- their reward can be little except the conviction that they are performing a unique and indispensable service for their country, and the knowledge that America needs and appreciates their efforts. [And, he concluded,] the reputation of your organization for quality and excellence of performance is a proud one."

It was then. It is today. May each of you and this new building long serve the cause of America and of peace.

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DCI REMARKS
LAYING OF CORNERSTONE AND DEDICATION
OF THE
CIA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING EXPANSION
BY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
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FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES:

A LITTLE MORE THAN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AND ALLEN DULLES CONDUCTED THE CORNERSTONE CEREMONY FOR THE BUILDING WHICH IS NOW OUR HEADQUARTERS.

AT THAT TIME, MR. DULLES EMPHASIZED HOW OUR COUNTRY'S EXPANDING RESPONSIBILITIES HAD INCREASED THE NEED FOR BETTER INFORMATION FROM THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH AND FOR SOUND ANALYSIS OF THAT INFORMATION.

OVER THE YEARS OUR CIA FAMILY HAS LIVED ON THIS CAMPUS, THE WORLD HAS STEADILY BECOME MORE DANGEROUS AND MORE COMPLEX, THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS WE MUST ADDRESS HAVE PROLIFERATED AND MANY NEW TECHNOLOGIES WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND USE IN OUR MISSION HAVE EMERGED--ALL TO A DEGREE THAT THOSE WHO GATHERED ON THIS CAMPUS IN 1959 COULD NOT HAVE IMAGINED. ONE MEASURE OF THIS IS THAT THE DISCIPLINES REPRESENTED AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO DO OUR WORK HAVE INCREASED UNTIL THEY NOW EXCEED 60.

IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THAT QUARTER OF A CENTURY, OUR ORGANIZATION HAS GROWN UNTIL IT NOW OCCUPIES MORE THAN 30 OTHER BUILDINGS IN OUR CAPITAL AND THE AREAS THAT SURROUND IT IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA.

IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO WORK IN THESE BUILDINGS HERE AND OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO ARE THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. IT IS THEIR SPIRIT, THEIR INITIATIVE, THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND RECOGNITION OF THE THREAT OUR COUNTRY FACES THAT MAKE THE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE.

THIS NEW BUILDING WILL BRING MANY MORE OF THESE PEOPLE TOGETHER ON THIS CAMPUS AND THAT WILL ENHANCE THE SUPPORT, THE CROSS-FERTILIZATION, AND THE STIMULATION THEY PROVIDE EACH OTHER.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE PRESIDENT AND THE LEGISLATORS OF BOTH PARTIES WHO PROVIDED THE RESOURCES TO ERECT THIS BUILDING AND TO DEVELOP SO MANY OTHER CAPABILITIES TO ENHANCE OUR WORK.

FACTS HAVE NO POLITICS. IN KEEPING ABREAST OF AND INTERPRETING THE FLOW OF FORCES AND EVENTS IN A WORLD WHERE CHANGE IS THE RULE RATHER THAN THE EXCEPTION, THIS AGENCY PERFORMS ITS MISSION FEARLESSLY, WITHOUT WARPING TO MEET PREJUDICES OR PREDILECTIONS OR EVEN THE TENETS OF EXISTING POLICY. AS WE BUILD A NEW EDIFICE IN WHICH TO FURTHER CONCENTRATE AND IMPROVE OUR WORK, LET US REDEDICATE OURSELVES TO THIS HIGH PURPOSE.

OUR FOREMOST ALUMNUS, OUR LEADER AT A CRITICAL TIME, AT ALL TIMES OUR FRIEND AND STAUNCH SUPPORTER, NOW THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, HAS GRACIOUSLY CONSENTED TO LAY THE CORNERSTONE.